

FLOURNOY AND WARD.

JANUARY 10, 1832.

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Matthews Flournoy and R. J. Ward, report:*

That, in 1825, the petitioners settled on, and improved a tract of land, on lake Washington, in the State of Mississippi, clearing about 800 acres; that the public lands in this section of the country had not at that time been surveyed, but had been returned as unfit for cultivation. A number of persons settling in that country, the Government, in 1827, caused these lands to be surveyed; and the tract of land, thus improved, fell within the 16th section, and was therefore reserved from sale, for the use of schools within the township. The inhabitants of the township now join in the petition, that section 11, in that township, be taken in lieu of section No. 16; so that the said last mentioned section may be sold by the Government. The Government, at the request of the inhabitants, has reserved from sale No. 11, in the expectation, it would seem, that Congress would allow the exchange.

The committee believing the petition reasonable, and that the Government will lose nothing, report a bill.

